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Parents of Children.

Dear Friends,

AS I present this little Book to your Children, it seems proper for me to inform you, that my first View, in attempting it, was for the Use of my own Children, and those of the Meeting whereof I am a Member; but my Love to all, begot in me a Desire to have it generally spread among the little Children of our Society, for their Instruction.

I know there are Pieces of this Nature already published, that in several Respects are greatly superior to this; but to me it appeared, there wanted something of this kind, as the first Rudiment, in a familiar easy Stile,

adapted to the Capacities of young Children ; not burthened with the Quotations of Chapter and Verse, which I apprehend is too much for their Memories to retain.

I do not pretend to conclude, this is completely planned for the Purpose intended ; but I hope you, my Friends, will overlook every Deficiency, and regard my Motive herein, which is Love and Goodwill unto your Offspring, and a Desire that they may be brought up in the Nurture and Admonition of the Lord.

If this contributes to that End, it will be Satisfaction to

Your loving Friend,

A. DARBY.

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All little Children,

Dear Children,

I Salute you in a degree of the same Love, wherewith our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ loveth all little Children, who said unto those who would have hinder'd such from coming unto him ; *Suffer little Children, and forbid them not, to come unto me ; for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

I desire you will ever keep in Mind, that the Lord hath great Love and Regard for you, and requires of you, to love and fear him above all : And take great Care of offending him in any Thing, for he sees every Thing you do, hears your Words, and knows your Thoughts ; therefore it is your Duty to seek unto him, Night and Day, to preserve you from Evil : And if you thus take heed, he will bless you every Way ; and if you should die in your Infancy and Innocence, he will admit you, with the

holy Angels, to live in his Presence for ever and ever. So, dear Children, be willing and diligent to learn every good Thing, and above all Books, love to read the holy Scriptures; for thereby you may understand, how the Lord hath blessed, and doth bless, all who love and fear his holy Name.

Having a great Desire for your future Welfare, I have here presented you with a little Book of Questions and Answers, taken from the Scriptures, which I desire you will read and get by heart; that you may remember what the Lord hath done for you, and what he will yet do for you, if you be good Children, and love him, and fear to offend him: Then shall you be enabled to give proper Answers, to such as may question your Knowledge in the holy Scriptures; *and grow, like Samuel, in Favour both with the Lord, and also with Men.* 1 Sam. ii. 26.

A. DARBY.

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P A R T the first.

Quest. 1. **W**HO created thee, and all Mankind ?

Ans. God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and of Earth, and of all Things that are therein.

Quest. 2. *What did God create Mankind for ?*

Ans. To glorify him.

Quest. 3. *How must we glorify God ?*

Ans. By doing his Will.

Quest. 4. *How may we arrive at the Knowledge of God's Will ?*

Ans. By taking heed to the Light of his Grace, and good Spirit in our Hearts, a Manifestation whereof is given to every one for that End.

The holy Scriptures also, are a secondary Means, by which those who are favoured with them, may receive the Knowledge of God's Will ; as they are read with a sincere and humble

humble Mind, and with due Attention to the holy Spirit, from whence they proceeded.

Quest. 5. Is this Manifestation of divine Grace, extended unto all Men?

Answ. The Grace of God, that bringeth Salvation, hath appeared to all Men; teaching us, that denying Ungodliness and worldly Lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present World; looking for that blessed Hope, and the glorious Appearing of the great God, and our Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all Iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar People, zealous of good Works.

Quest. 6. What are the Scriptures of the old and new Testament?

Answ. The Scriptures were written by holy Men of God, as they were moved of the holy Ghost, and are profitable for Doctrine, for Reproof, for Correction, for Instruction in Righteousness, that the Man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good Works; and are able to make us wise unto Salvation, thro' Faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Quest. 7. What is contain'd in the Scriptures, call'd the old Testament?

Answ. The History of the Creation, the remarkable Dealings of the Almighty with

with Mankind, through many Ages of the World, and the Prophecies of the Prophets concerning Christ.

Quest. 8. *What doth Moses relate concerning the Creation?*

Ans. That in the Beginning, God created the Heavens and the Earth, and the Seas, with all Things that are therein, the Sun, Moon and Stars, the Beasts, and Fowls, and creeping Things, and Fishes; by the Word of his eternal Power he spake, and they were made.

Quest. 9. *When was Man created?*

Ans. After the Heavens and the Earth were created, then the Almighty made Man of the Dust of the Earth, and breathed into him the Breath of Life, and Man became a living Soul.

Quest. 10. *Where did the Almighty place him?*

Ans. In the Garden of Eden.

Quest. 11. *Did he give Man Dominion over the animal Creation?*

Ans. Yes; the Lord gave him Dominion over the Fish of the Sea, over the Fowls of the Air, and over every living Thing that moveth upon the Earth.

Quest. 12. *What was the Commandment which the Lord gave as a Trial of his Obedience?*

Ans.

Anfw. The Lord God commanded the Man, saying, Of every Tree of the Garden thou mayst freely eat; but of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil thou shalt not eat, for in the Day thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die.

Quest. 13. How was Woman created?

Anfw. The Lord said, It is not good for Man to be alone, I will make him a Help-meet. And the Lord caused a deep Sleep to fall on Adam, and he took one of his Ribs, and the Rib made her a Woman, and brought her unto the Man.

Quest. 14. How came they to lose that happy State, in which they were created?

Anfw. By their Disobedience, in eating of the Fruit of the Tree of Knowledge, which God had forbidden.

Quest. 15. What did the Almighty inflict on Adam and Eve, for their Disobedience to his Command?

Anfw. He drove them from that Place of Happiness, and they fell under Sorrow and Trouble.

Quest. 16. How did they die by their Transgression?

Anfw. A spiritual Death came over them to Innocency and Happiness.

Quest. 17. How were they again to be made alive?

Anfw. Through Christ their Redeemer.

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Quest. 18. *Who was Adam and Eve's first Son ?*

Ans. Cain, who was a Tiller of the Ground.

Quest. 19. *Who was their second ?*

Ans. Abel, who was a Keeper of Sheep.

Quest. 20. *Why did Cain slay Abel his Brother ?*

Ans. From Envy ; because the Lord had more Respect to Abel and his Offering, than to Cain.

Quest. 21. *Why was Abel's Offering more acceptable than Cain's ?*

Ans. Because, by Faith Abel offered a more excellent Sacrifice than Cain.

Quest. 22. *What was Cain's Punishment for this evil Deed ?*

Ans. The Curse of the Lord ; being made a Fugitive and Vagabond in the Earth.

Quest. 23. *Who walked before the Almighty, to please him so, that the Lord took him ?*

Ans. Enoch.

Quest. 24. *Who was the oldest Man ?*

Ans. Methuselah, who lived nine hundred and sixty nine Years.

Quest. 25. *What moved God to destroy Mankind by a Flood ?*

Ans. The Wickedness of Mankind.

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Quest. 26. *Who amongst them found Favour in the Eyes of the Lord, and was saved from this general Destruction?*

Ans. Noah and his Family, for he was a just Man, and perfect in his Generation.

Quest. 27. *How were they saved?*

Ans. In an Ark, which the Lord ordered Noah to build for that Purpose.

Quest. 28. *How many were saved in the Ark?*

Ans. Eight Persons, with an appointed Number of Beasts, and Fowls, and creeping Things.

Quest. 29. *Did the Lord make a Covenant with Man, that he would not again destroy the World with Water?*

Ans. Yes, and appointed his Bow in the Clouds a Token thereof.

Quest. 30. *Who was called the faithful Man?*

Ans. Abraham.

Quest. 31. *How was his Faithfulness manifested?*

Ans. By trusting in the divine Promises, and yielding Obedience to the Lord's Requirings.

Quest. 32. *What was the Testimony of the Lord concerning Abraham?*

Ans. I know him, that he will command his Children and his Household after him,

him, and they shall keep the Way of the Lord, to do Justice and Judgment.

Quest. 33. *What was the Encouragement given him of God ?*

Ans. Fear not *Abraham*, I am thy Shield, and thy exceeding great Reward.

Quest. 34. *Who was Abraham's Son ?*

Ans. *Isaac*, a good Man, who meditated upon the Lord.

Quest. 35. *Who were Isaac's Sons ?*

Ans. *Esau* and *Jacob*.

Quest. 36. *What was the Covenant which Jacob made with the Lord on his Journey ?*

Ans. If God will be with me, and will keep me in the Way that I go, and will give me Bread to eat, and Raiment to put on, and will keep me so that I come again unto my Father's House in Peace, then shall the Lord be my God.

Quest. 37. *What was the Lord's gracious Promise unto Jacob ?*

Ans. I am the Lord God of *Abraham* thy Father, and the God of *Isaac*, and behold I am with thee, and will keep thee in all Places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this Land.

Quest. 38. *How many Sons had Jacob ?*

Ans. Twelve ; of whom came the twelve Tribes of *Israel*.

Quest. 39. *Who was sold into Egypt by his Brethren ?*

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Ans.

Answ. Joseph, one of the Sons of Jacob.

Quest. 40. *What was the Saying of Joseph, when he was enticed to Evil?*

Answ. How can I do this Evil, and sin against the Lord?

Quest. 41. *Did the Lord bless him, and deliver him out of all his Troubles?*

Answ. Yes; the Lord, in whom he trusted, preserved him, and he became Ruler over the Land of Egypt, and sent for his Father and Brethren to dwell with him.

Quest. 42. *Who was the meekest Man?*

Answ. Moses, who chose rather to suffer Affliction with the People of God, than to enjoy the Pleasures of Sin for a Season.

Quest. 43. *What did he do?*

Answ. By the Command of the Almighty, he led the Children of Israel out of Egypt, where they were grievously oppress'd.

Quest. 44. *Did Pharaoh, King of Egypt, willingly let the People go?*

Answ. Not until the Almighty sent his his Plagues upon the Land.

Quest. 45. *Did he then consent to their Departure?*

Answ. Yes; but his Heart being hardned, he afterwards followed them with all his Host.

Quest. 46. *What did they do in this Distress?*

Answ.

Ans. Moses cried unto the Lord, and he divided the Red-sea, so that they passed through as on dry Ground.

Quest. 47. *What became of Pharaoh and his Host ?*

Ans. They followed them into the Sea, and the Lord caused the Waters to return on them, and they were all drown'd.

Quest. 48. *How did the Israelites express their Thankfulness unto the Lord, for this great Deliverance ?*

Ans. Moses and the People sung a Song of Praise, as did also Miriam the Prophetess.

Quest. 49. *But did they continue in Obedience to the Lord ?*

Ans. No ; they were a rebellious and ungrateful People, and oft forgot the Lord their Redeemer, notwithstanding he wrought many Miracles for them, fed them with Manna from Heaven, and gave them Water out of the Rock.

Quest. 50. *Where did the Almighty deliver the Law and Commandments unto his People Israel ?*

Ans. On Mount Sinai, by the Hand of his Servant Moses.

Quest. 51. *What were the Commandments which God gave them ?*

Ans. God spake these Words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee

out of the Land of *Egypt*, and out of the House of Bondage.

1. Thou shalt have no other Gods before me.

2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven Image, or any Likeness of any Thing that is in Heaven above, or that is in the Earth beneath, or that is in the Water under the Earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them, for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the Iniquity of the Fathers upon the Children, unto the third and fourth Generation of them that hate me, and shewing Mercy unto Thousands of them that love me, and keep my Commandments.

3. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless, that taketh his Name in vain.

4. Remember the Sabbath-day, to keep it holy ; six Days shalt thou labour and do all thy Work, but the seventh Day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God, in it thou shalt not do any Work, thou nor thy Son, nor thy Daughter, nor thy Man-servant, nor thy Maid-servant, nor thy Cattle, nor the Stranger that is within thy Gates. For in six Days the Lord made Heaven and Earth, the Sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh Day ; wherefore the Lord

Lord blessed the Sabbath-day, and hallowed it.

5. Honour thy Father and thy Mother, that thy Days may be long in the Land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

6. Thou shalt not kill.

7. Thou shalt not commit Adultery.

8. Thou shalt not steal.

9. Thou shalt not bear false Witness against thy Neighbour.

10. Thou shalt not covet thy Neighbour's House, thou shalt not covet thy Neighbour's Wife, nor his Man-servant, nor his Maid-servant, nor his Ox, nor his Ass, nor any Thing that is thy Neighbour's.

Quest. 52. *What did Moses say to the Children of Israel, concerning their keeping the Commandments of the Lord ?*

Ans. And now *Israel*, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his Ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy Heart, and with all thy Soul ; to keep the Commandments of the Lord and his Statutes, which I command thee this Day for thy Good.

Quest. 53. *How doth he set forth the Consequence of Obedience or Disobedience ?*

Ans. Behold, I set before you this Day a Blessing and a Curse ; a Blessing, if ye obey the Commandments of the Lord your

God, which I command you this Day ;
and a Curse, if ye will not obey the Com-
mandments of the Lord your God.

Quest. 54. *How long did Moses live ?*

Ans. An hundred and twenty Years ;
yet notwithstanding his great Age, his Eyes
were not dim, nor his natural Strength
abated.

Quest. 55. *Who was Judge in Israel
after Moses ?*

Ans. Joshua.

Quest. 56. *What was his holy Reso-
lution ?*

Ans. Let others do what they will, as
for me and my House, we will serve the
Lord.

Quest. 57. *What great Actions did he
perform ?*

Ans. He fought the Lord's Battles,
and brought Israel into the promis'd Land.

Quest. 58. *What became of the People of
Israel, after the Death of Joshua ?*

Ans. They forsook the Lord God of
their Fathers, and bowed down unto strange
Gods, and the Lord forsook them, so that
they could no longer stand before their
Enemies.

Quest. 59. *Had not the Lord Compassion
on them, when they repented ?*

Ans. Yes, and deliver'd them from
their Enemies.

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Quest. 60. *Who was made instrumental in that Work ?*

Ans. Deborah the Prophetess, who also judged in Israel ?

Quest. 61. *Who was the strongest Man ?*

Ans. Sampson.

Quest. 62. *What did he do ?*

Ans. He slew a Lion, he carried the Gates of a City up a Hill, and slew a Thousand Philistines with the Jaw-bone of an Ass.

Quest. 63. *Who was dedicated unto the Lord by his Mother ?*

Ans. Samuel, who became a Prophet of the Lord.

Quest. 64. *Who was the first King of Israel ?*

Ans. Saul.

Quest. 65. *Why was Saul rejected of God ?*

Ans. Because he disobeyed the Command of the Lord.

Quest. 66. *Whom did God chuse to reign over Israel in his stead ?*

Ans. David, whom the Lord raised from a Shepherd to be King of Israel.

Quest. 67. *What memorable Actions did he perform, when but a Youth ?*

Ans. By the Help of the Almighty he kill'd a Lion and a Bear, and slew Goliath the Champion of the Philistines, who defied the Armies of the living God.

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Quest. 68. *But did not David afterwards fall into Temptation ?*

Ans. Yes, and committed gross Evil ; but he repented from his Heart, and the Lord forgave him.

Quest. 69. *Who was the wisest Man ?*

Ans. Solomon, David's Son.

Quest. 70. *What did he request of the Lord ?*

Ans. Neither Riches nor Honour, but an understanding Heart to do Justice and Judgment.

Quest. 71. *How did the Lord answer his Request ?*

Ans. He gave him Understanding to discern Judgment, and because he had preferred Wisdom, he rewarded him also with Riches and Honour, tho' he sought them not.

Quest. 72. *Who was taken up into Heaven in a fiery Chariot ?*

Ans. Elijah a Prophet of the Lord, by whom he wrought many Miracles, and in the Time of Famine caused the Ravens to bring him Food, Morning and Evening.

Quest. 73. *What is recorded of Hezekiah King of Judah ?*

Ans. That he did that which was right in the Sight of the Lord, and departed not from following him, but kept his Commandments ; wherefore the Lord was with him,

him, and he prospered whither soever he went.

Quest. 74. *What was his Appeal unto the Lord in his Sicknes?*

Ans. I beseech thee, O Lord, remember how I have walked before thee in Truth and with an upright Heart, and have done that which is good in thy Sight. Which the Lord accepted, and added to his Days fifteen Years.

Quest. 75. *What is written of Josiah King of Judah?*

Ans. That he did that which was right in the Sight of the Lord, and while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of his Father David.

Quest. 76. *How did he shew his Zeal for the Lord?*

Ans. He brake down the Altars of Baalim, and the Images that were in high Places, and sent unto Huldah the Prophetess, to enquire concerning the Law of the Lord.

Quest. 77. *Who wrote the Book of Proverbs?*

Ans. King Solomon.

Quest. 78. *What doth he say is the Beginning of Wisdom?*

Ans. The Fear of the Lord is the Beginning of Wisdom, and the Knowledge of the Holy is Understanding.

Quest.

Quest. 79. *What doth he observe concerning Prayer ?*

Ans. The Sacrifice of the Wicked is an Abomination to the Lord, but the Prayer of the Upright is his Delight.

Quest. 80. *What doth he say of the Proud ?*

Ans. Every one that is proud in Heart, is an Abomination unto the Lord.

Quest. 81. *What Advice doth he give Children, respecting their Parents ?*

Ans. My Son, hear the Instruction of thy Father, and forsake not the Law of thy Mother ; for they shall be an Ornament of Grace unto thy Head, and Chains about thy Neck.

Quest. 82. *What doth he say of those Parents, who correct not Children if they deserve it ?*

Ans. He that spareth the Rod, hateth his Son ; but he that loveth him, chasteneth him betimes.

The Rod and Reproof bring Wisdom, but a Child left to himself, bringeth his Mother to Shame.

Quest. 83. *How doth he advise against Anger ?*

Ans. Be not hasty in thy Spirit to be angry, for Anger resteth in the Bosom of Fools.

Quest. 84. *What other Advice doth he give to young People ?*

Ans. Remember thy Creator in the Days of thy Youth, while the evil Days come not, nor the Years draw nigh when thou shalt say, I have no Pleasure in them.

Quest. 85. *Whom does the Psalmist pronounce blessed ?*

Ans. Blessed are they that keep Judgment, and he that doth Righteousness at all Times.

Blessed are the Undeiled in the Way, who walk in the Law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep his Testimonies, and that seek him with the whole Heart.

Quest. 86. *What does he say will be the End of the Upright ?*

Ans. Mark the perfect Man, and behold the Upright, for the End of that Man is Peace.

Quest. 87. *How doth he set forth the Lord's Care over those that fear him ?*

Ans. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in Truth.

He will fulfil the Desire of them that fear him, he will also hear their Cry, and will save them.

Quest. 88. *What saith he concerning the Word of God ?*

Ans.

Answ. Thy Word is a Lamp unto my Feet, and a Light unto my Path.

Thy Word is very pure, therefore thy Servant loveth it.

Quest. 89. How doth he pray for the continued Assistance of the holy Spirit ?

Answ. Cast me not away from thy Presence, and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the Joy of thy Salvation, and uphold me with thy free Spirit.

Then will I teach Transgressors thy Ways, and Sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Quest. 90. What saith he of those that relieve the Poor ?

Answ. Blessed is he that considereth the Poor; the Lord will deliver him in Time of Trouble.

The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive, and he shall be blessed upon the Earth.

Quest. 91. Who was Isaiah ?

Answ. One of the Lord's Prophets, who lived in the Days of *Hezekiah*, and prophesied of Christ above seven hundred Years before his Birth.

Quest. 92. Recite some of his most remarkable Prophecies concerning our Saviour.

Answ. Behold a Virgin shall conceive, and shall bring forth a Son, and shall call his Name *Emanuel*.

The People that walked in Darkneſs have ſeen a great Light ; they that dwell in the Land of the Shadow of Death, upon them has the Light ſhined.

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the Government ſhall be upon his Shoulder ; and his Name ſhall be called Wonderful, Counſellor, the mighty God, the everlaſting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Queſt. 93. *What ſaith he of the Miracles of Chriſt ?*

Anſw. Then the Eyes of the Blind ſhall be opened, and the Ears of the Deaf ſhall be unſtopped.

Then ſhall the lame Man leap as an Hart, and the Tongue of the Dumb ſhall ſing.

Queſt. 94. *How doth he propheſy of the Sufferings and Death of Chriſt ?*

Anſw. He is deſpiſed and rejected of Men, a Man of Sorrows, and acquainted with Grief, and we hid as it were our Faces from him ; he was deſpiſed, and we eſteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our Griets and carried our Sorrows, yet did we eſteem him ſtricken, ſmitten of God and afflicted : But he was wounded for our Tranſgreſſions, he was bruised for our Iniquities ; the Chaiſement of our Peace was upon him, and with his Stripes are we healed.

All we, like Sheep, have gone aſtray, we have turned every one to his own Way,

and the Lord hath laid on him the Iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his Mouth ; he is brought as a Lamb to the Slaughter, and as a Sheep before her Shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his Mouth.

Quest. 95. How doth the Prophet encourage us to wait upon the Lord ?

Answ. Hast thou not known ? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Creator of the Ends of the Earth, fainteth not, neither is weary ? There is no searching of his Understanding. He giveth Power to the Faint, and to them that have no Might, he increaseth Strength.

Even the Youths shall be weary, and the young Men shall utterly fall ; but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their Strength, they shall mount up with Wings as Eagles, they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint.

Quest. 96. What doth he promise in the Name of the Lord, unto those that are of an humble and contrite Spirit ?

Answ. Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth Eternity, whose Name is holy ; I dwell in the high and holy Place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble Spirit, to revive the Spirit of the Humble, and to revive the Heart of the contrite Ones.

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Quest. 97. *What doth he say is the Effect of Righteousness?*

Ans. The Work of Righteousness shall be Peace, and the Effect of Righteousness, Quietness and Assurance for ever.

Quest. 98. *What doth he say in the Name of the Lord, unto those that do Righteousness.*

Ans. Hearken unto me, ye that know Righteousness, the People in whose Heart is my Law; fear ye not the Reproach of Men, neither be afraid of their Revilings, for the Moth shall eat them up like a Garment, and the Worm shall eat them like Wool; but my Righteousness shall be for ever, and my Salvation from Generation to Generation.

Quest. 99. *How doth the Prophet Jeremiah prophesy of Christ?*

Ans. Behold the Days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute Judgment and Justice in the Earth.

In his Days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely, and this is his Name whereby he shall be called, The Lord our Righteousness.

Quest. 100. *How doth he set forth the Greatness of God?*

Ans. But the Lord is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting King;

at his Wrath the Earth shall tremble, and the Nations shall not be able to abide his Indignation.

He hath made the Earth by his Power, he hath established the World by his Wisdom, and hath stretched out the Heavens by his Discretion.

Quest. 101. *In what only doth he say, we are to glory?*

Ans. Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise Man glory in his Wisdom, neither let the mighty Man glory in his Might, let not the rich Man glory in his Riches; but let him that glorieth, glory in this, That he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise Loving-kindness, Judgment and Righteousness in the Earth, for in these Things I delight, saith the Lord.

Quest. 102. *Where did the Prophet Micah say Christ should be born?*

Ans. And thou Bethlehem Ephrata, tho' thou be little amongst the Thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me, that is to be Ruler in Israel, whose Goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

Quest. 103. *Who was cast into the Den of Lions?*

Ans. Daniel, another of the Lord's Prophets, because he worshipped the true God.

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Quest. 104. *Was he delivered from the Lions ?*

Ans. Yes ; the Lord shut up the Lions Mouths that they hurt him not, and King *Darius* had him taken out, and the King confessed unto the Power of the Lord, and promoted *Daniel* to great Honour.

Quest. 105. *Who were cast into the fiery Furnace ?*

Ans. *Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego*, because they would not bow down to worship the golden Image which *Nebuchadnezzar* had set up.

Quest. 106. *Did the Lord, in whom they trusted, deliver them ?*

Ans. Yes ; he sent his Angel, who walked with them in the Midst of the Fire, and upon their Bodies the Fire had no Power, nor was an Hair of their Head singed, neither was their Coats changed, nor had the Smell of Fire passed on them.

Thus have we, from these wonderful Instances of the Lord's Goodness unto his People, great Reason to trust in him who hath preserved the Faithful in all Ages of the World, and is the same to Day, Yesterday, and for ever, to all who fear his holy Name.

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P A R T the second.

Quest. 1. **W**HAT doth the Scriptures of the new Testament declare concerning our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ ?

Answ. In the Beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

And the Word was made Flesh and dwelt amongst us, and we beheld his Glory as the Glory of the only begotten Son of the Father, full of Grace and Truth.

Quest. 2. *How was our Saviour manifested in the Flesh ?*

Answ. Now the Birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise ; When as his Mother *Mary* was espoused to *Joseph*, she was found with Child of the holy Ghost.

Quest. 3. *What Wonders attended the Birth of Christ ?*

Answ.

Answ. The Angel made his Birth known to Shepherds in the Field by Night, saying, Fear not, for behold I bring you Tidings of great Joy, which shall be to all People, for unto you is born this Day, in the City of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord; and this shall be a Sign unto you, Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swadling Clothes lying in a Manger: And suddenly there was with the Angel a Multitude of the heavenly Host, praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth Peace, Good-will towards Men.

Quest. 4. Did the Shepherds go to see him?

Answ. Yes; they went and found the Lord of Life and Glory lying in a Manger, there being no Room for him in the Inn, altho' Lord of all.

Quest. 5. Did others also come to seek him out?

Answ. Yes; Wise Men came from the East to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his Star in the East, and are come to worship him.

Quest. 6. Was not Herod and the chief Priests troubled at this?

Answ. Yes; and desired the wise Men, when they had found him, to let them know.

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Quest. 7. *Did they acquaint Herod, when they had found him?*

Ans. No; after they had worshipped him and offered their Gifts, being warned of God in a Dream, they returned into their own Country another Way.

Quest. 8. *What did Herod then?*

Ans. He slew all the Children, in those Parts, from two Years old and under, thinking to destroy our Saviour.

Quest. 9. *How did he miss of his intended Purpose?*

Ans. The Angel appeared unto Joseph, the betrothed Husband of Mary, to warn him, and he took the young Child and his Mother by Night, and fled into Egypt, and was there untill the Death of Herod.

Quest. 10. *Who testified of Christ, when being a Child, he was brought into the Temple?*

Ans. Simeon, a just and devout Man, who waited for the Consolation of Israel. Also Anna the Prophetess, who gave Thanks unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them who looked for Redemption in Jerusalem.

Quest. 11. *What was the Testimony of Simeon respecting Christ?*

Ans. Lord, now lettest thou thy Servant depart in Peace according to thy Word, for mine Eyes have seen thy Salvation, which thou hast prepared before the Face of

of all People : A Light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the Glory of thy People Israel.

Quest. 12. *When did Christ enter on his publick Ministry ?*

Ans. When he was about thirty Years old.

Quest. 13. *Who was the Messenger sent before him ?*

Ans. John the Baptist, who cried in the Wilderness, Prepare ye the Way of the Lord, and make his Path strait. And seeing Jesus coming unto him, he said, Behold the Lamb of God, who taketh away the Sin of the World.

Quest. 14. *How did John declare, that he knew Jesus to be the Christ ?*

Ans. John bare Record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from Heaven like a Dove, and it abode upon him, and I knew him not ; but he that sent me to baptize with Water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending and remaining upon him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. And I saw, and bare Record that this is the Son of God.

Quest. 15. *What said Christ of himself ?*

Ans. I am the Light of the World, he that followeth me shall not walk in Darknes, but shall have the Light of Life.

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life ; no Man cometh unto the Father but by me.

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I am the Bread of Life ; he that cometh to me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

I am the Resurrection and the Life ; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live ; whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

He also calls himself the Good Shepherd, who leads his Sheep into green Pastures of Life.

And the Door into the Sheep-fold, by which we must enter into Life.

And the true Vine, and we the Branches, if we abide in him.

Quest. 16. *What doth our Saviour say is the first and great Commandment ?*

Ans. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy Heart, with all thy Soul, and with all thy Strength.

Quest. 17. *And what the second ?*

Ans. Thou shalt love thy Neighbour as thy self,

Quest. 18. *Who is our Neighbour, that we must love ?*

Ans. We are to love all Men, and help every one in Distress to the best of our Ability ; so all Men are to be considered as our Neighbours.

Quest. 19. *Must we love our Enemies ?*

Ans. Yes ; Christ says, Love your Enemies, bless them that curse you, do good

good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you, that ye may be the Children of your Father which is in Heaven, who causeth his Sun to rise on the Evil and on the Good, and sendeth Rain on the Just and on the Unjust.

Quest. 20. *How doth he farther forbid us to resent Injuries?*

Ans. Resist not Evil; but whosoever shall smite thee on the right Cheek, turn to him the other also.

Quest. 21. *What other Rule did Christ give for our Conduct towards Men?*

Ans. Whatsoever ye would that Men should do unto you, do ye even so to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Quest. 22. *Whom doth our Lord pronounce blessed?*

Ans. Blessed are the poor in Spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the Earth.

Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after Righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain Mercy.

Blessed are the pure in Heart, for they shall see God.

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Blessed are the Peace-makers, for they shall be called the Children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for Righteousness Sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are ye when Men shall revile you, and persecute you, and say all manner of Evil of you falsely for my Name's Sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your Reward in Heaven ; for so persecuted they the Prophets which were before you.

Quest. 23. *How doth he teach us to worship the Almighty ?*

Ans. God is a Spirit, and they that worship him, must worship him in Spirit and in Truth.

Quest. 24. *Doth he bid us watch and pray ?*

Ans. Yes ; he saith, What I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch : Watch and pray, that ye enter not into Temptation.

Quest. 25. *How are we encouraged to pray ?*

Ans. Seek, and ye shall find ; knock, and it shall be opened unto you ; ask and ye shall receive.

Quest. 26. *How are we to pray ?*

Ans. By the Assistance of the holy Spirit influencing our Understandings with a Sense of our Necessities.

Quest. 27. *Did our Saviour set his Disciples an Example how to pray ?*

Ans. Yes, after this Manner ; Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy Kingdom come, thy Will be done in Earth as it is in Heaven ; give us this Day our daily Bread, and forgive us our Trespases, as we forgive those who trespass against us ; lead us not into Temptation, but deliver us from Evil, for thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory for ever. Amen.

Quest. 28. *Did our Lord take Notice of little Children ?*

Ans. Yes ; for when they brought young Children to him, and his Disciples rebuked those that brought them, Jesus seeing it, was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer little Children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God. Verily, I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God as a little Child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his Arms, and put his Hands upon them, and blessed them.

Quest. 29. *How are we to understand this Saying of Christ ?*

Ans. That all Men and Women must come to witness Freedom from Sin, and be restored into the State of Innocency like little

Disci- little Children, before they can be admitted
into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Our **Quest. 30.** *Doth Christ charge his Disci-*
ed be *ples, to love one another?*

Will **Ans.** Yes; he saith, A new Command-
give *ment I give unto you, that ye love one*
ve us *another.*

o tref- **Quest. 31.** *Doth Christ forbid all Swear-*
npta- *ing?*

ine is **Ans.** Yes in these Words; I say unto
Glory *you, Swear not at all, but let your Com-*
ice of *munication be yea, yea, nay, nay; for*
ught *whatsoever is more than these, cometh of*
iples *Evil.*

Jesus **Quest. 32.** *What farther did Christ re-*
unto *quire of his Disciples?*

unto **Ans.** If any Man will come after me,
s the *let him deny himself, take up his Cross and*
you, *follow me.*

dom **Quest. 33.** *What are we to deny our-*
enter *selves of?*

arms, **Ans.** Of all evil Thoughts, Words and
effed *Actions.*

this **Quest. 34.** *Are we to confess his Name*
must *before all Men?*

d be **Ans.** Yes; he saith, Whosoever shall
like *confess me before Men, him will I also con-*
little *fess before my Father which is in Heaven.*

But *whosoever shall deny me before Men,*
him will I also deny before my Father which
is in Heaven.

Quest. 35. How doth he advise against the Fear of Men ?

Answer. I say unto you, my Friends, be not afraid of them that kill the Body, and after that have no more that they can do : But I will forewarn you, whom ye shall fear ; fear him which, after he hath killed, hath Power to cast into Hell ; yea, I say unto you, fear him.

Quest. 36. What did Christ say, was the Cause of People's Condemnation ?

Answer. This is the Condemnation, that Light is come into the World, and Men love Darkness rather than Light, because their Deeds are evil.

Quest. 37. Why do evil Men reject this Light ?

Answer. Every one that doeth evil, hateth the Light, neither cometh he unto the Light, lest his Deeds should be reprov'd.

Quest. 38. Do good Men regard this Light ?

Answer. He that doeth Truth, cometh to the Light, that his Deeds may be made manifest, whether they are wrought in God.

Quest. 39. What doth Christ say concerning Covetousness ?

Answer. Take heed and beware of Covetousness, for a Man's Life consisteth not in the Abundance of the Things which he possesseth.

Lay not up for yourselves Treasures upon Earth, where Moth and Rust doth corrupt, and Thieves break through and steal ; but lay up for yourselves Treasure in Heaven, where neither Moth nor Rust doth corrupt, and where Thieves do not break through nor steal.

Quest. 40. *What was his Answer to those that enquired of him, if it were lawful to pay Tribute unto Cæsar ?*

Ans. Render unto Cæsar the Things which are Cæsar's, and unto God the Things which are God's.

Quest. 41. *Did our Saviour do many Miracles ?*

Ans. Yes ; he caused the Blind to see, the Lame to walk, the Lepers were cleansed, the Deaf heard, the Dumb spake, and the Dead were raised.

Quest. 42. *Did the Jews believe on him ?*

Ans. But few ; for the Chief Priests and Pharisees believed not, but persecuted him unto Death.

Quest. 43. *Why did they despise him ?*

Ans. Because they expected the promised MESSIAH to come in worldly Pomp and Grandeur, as a temporal King.

Quest. 44. *What did Christ say of his Kingdom ?*

Ans. My Kingdom is not of this World.

Quest. 45. Did he, notwithstanding their Hard-heartedness, lament over them?

Answ. Yes; and said, O, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the Prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy Children together, as a Hen gathereth her Chickens under her Wings, and ye would not.

And at another Time, when he came near the City and beheld it, he wept over it and said, If thou hadst known, even thou at least in this thy Day, the Things which belong unto thy Peace, but now they are hid from thine Eyes.

Quest. 46. Did our Lord tell his Disciples, that he must leave them?

Answ. Yes; as to his Bodily Appearance.

Quest. 47. Were they not sorrowful to part with their Lord?

Answ. Yes; but he said unto them, It is expedient that I go away, but I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever, even the Spirit of Truth whom the World cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; but ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

I will not leave you comfortless, I will come unto you.

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their Quest. 48. *Who betrayed our Lord?*

Ans. Judas, who was bribed by the Jews with thirty Pieces of Silver.

Quest. 49. *What did our Lord suffer?*

Ans. He was carried before the High-priest, was mocked, buffeted and spit upon, was condemned by Pilate, scourged, crowned with Thorns, and crucified between two Thieves.

Quest. 50. *How did he receive this evil Treatment?*

Ans. Not with Anger; for he prayed for his Enemies, saying, Father forgive them, for they know not what they do.

Quest. 51. *Were there wonderful Appearances at his Death?*

Ans. Yes; the Sun was darkened, so that Darkness was over the Land for three Hours, and the Vail of the Temple was rent asunder.

Quest. 52. *When did he rise from the Dead?*

Ans. On the third Day, and appeared first to Mary Magdalen, then to all his Disciples.

Quest. 53. *When did he ascend into Heaven?*

Ans. After forty Days.

Quest. 54. *Did not Christ command his Disciples, to wait at Jerusalem for the Promise of the Father?*

Ans.

Ans. Yes; which Promise was the holy Spirit, or Christ himself in his spiritual Appearance, who was to lead them into all Truth.

Quest. 55. After what Manner did they witness the Accomplishment of this gracious Promise?

Ans. When they were all met together with one Accord, the holy Ghost descended upon them; and they were all filled with the holy Spirit, and spake as it gave them Utterance.

Quest. 56. What was the Commission our Lord gave to his Disciples?

Ans. Go, teach all Nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, of the Son, and of the holy Ghost.

Quest. 57. Was this meant of Water-Baptism?

Ans. No; as said John the Baptist, I indeed baptize you with Water unto Repentance, but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, he shall baptize you with the holy Ghost and with Fire.

Quest. 58. Did not Christ declare the same concerning his Baptism?

Ans. Yes; John truly baptized with Water, but ye shall be baptized with the holy Ghost.

Quest. 59. Did this Baptism accompany the Ministry of the Apostles?

Ans.

Ans. Yes, as testified the Apostle *Peter*; And as I began to speak, the holy Ghost fell on them as on us at the Beginning; then remember'd I the Word of the Lord, how that he said, *John* indeed baptized with Water, but ye shall be baptized with the holy Ghost.

Quest. 60. *Is there any more than one Baptism to remain in the Christian Church?*

Ans. No; One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.

Quest. 61. *What is the Effect of this Baptism of the holy Spirit?*

Ans. An inward washing of the Soul, whereby our Consciences are cleansed from Sin and dead Works, to serve the living God in Newness of Life.

Quest. 62. *What is the Lord's Supper?*

Ans. An inward and spiritual feeding upon Christ the Bread of Life, without partaking of which, the Soul cannot live unto God.

Quest. 63. *Who are they that partake of this divine Food?*

Ans. Such as obey the Voice of Christ according to his Promise; Behold I stand at the Door and knock, if any Man hear my Voice and open the Door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Quest. 64. *What is the Church of Christ?*

Ans.

Answ. It is not an outward Building ; but is composed of those who are sanctified in him, and subject to the Leadings of his Spirit.

Quest. 65. Is it the Duty of Christians, to meet together for the publick Worship of God ?

Answ. Yes, as saith the Apostle ; Not forgetting the Assembling of yourselves together as the Manner of some is, but exhorting one another.

Quest. 66. What hath Christ declared, concerning such as are thus met together ?

Answ. Wherever two or three are gathered in my Name, there am I in the Midst of them.

Quest. 67. How ought true Teachers to minister in the Church of Christ ?

Answ. As every Man hath received the Gift, even so minister the same one unto another, as good Stewards of the manifold Grace of God.

Quest. 68. Is the Ministry of Christ confin'd to Men only ? Are not Women also call'd to that Work ?

Answ. Male and Female are one in Christ. For this, as the Apostle Peter declared unto the Jews, is that which was foretold by the Prophet Joel ; And it shall come to pass in the last Days, saith God, I will pour out of

ing ; my Spirit upon all Flesh, and your Sons
 tified and your Daughters shall prophesy.

Quest. 69. *What is here meant by Prophe-
 sying ?*

Ans. Not only the foretelling Things
 to come, but chiefly a speaking unto Edifi-
 cation, and Exhortation, and Comfort.

Quest. 70. *What did the Apostle exhort
 Ministers unto ?*

Ans. To feed the Flock of Christ ;
 not by Constraint, but willingly ; not for
 filthy Lucre, but of a ready Mind.

Quest. 71. *Is the Profession of Christ's
 Name sufficient for any ?*

Ans. No, as said Christ himself ; Not
 every one that saith Lord, Lord, shall enter
 the Kingdom, but he that doeth the Will
 of my Father which is in Heaven.

Quest. 72. *What said the Apostle, of those
 who make Profession of the Truth, yet continue
 in Unrighteousness ?*

Ans. The Wrath of God is reveal'd
 from Heaven against all Unrighteousness
 and Ungodliness of Men, who hold the
 Truth in Unrighteousness.

Quest. 73. *What said the Apostle Paul unto
 Felix the Governor, in Answer to the Accu-
 sation of the Jews against him ?*

Ans. After the Way which they call
 Heresy, so worship I the God of my
 Fathers,

Fathers, believing all Things that are contained in the Law and in the Prophets. And herein do I exercise myself, to have Conscience void of Offence towards God and Man.

Quest. 74. What saith the Apostle concerning being led by the Spirit of God?

Answ. If any Man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

For as many as are led by the Spirit, they are the Sons of God.

Quest. 75. What doth he observe concerning the Word of God?

Answ. The Word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two edged Sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of Soul and Spirit, and is a Discerner of the Thoughts and Intents of the Heart. Neither is there any Creature that is not manifest in his Sight, but all Things are naked and open unto the Eyes of him with whom we have to do.

Quest. 76. Unto what did Paul commend the Brethren?

Answ. Now Brethren, I commend you unto God, and the Word of his Grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an Inheritance amongst those which are sanctified.

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Quest. 77. What saith the Apostle to the Galatians, concerning the Observation of Days and Times ?

Answ. But now, after that ye have known God, why turn ye again to the weak and beggarly Elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in Bondage. Ye observe Days, and Months, and Times, and Years ; I am afraid of you, lest I have bestow'd upon you Labour in vain.

Quest. 78. What saith he concerning the Love of Money ?

Answ. The Love of Money is the Root of all Evil, which whilst some coveted after, they have erred from the Faith, and pierced themselves through with many Sorrows.

Quest. 79. What doth he recommend as preferable ?

Answ. Godliness with Contentment ; which is great Gain.

Quest. 80. What Advice doth he give unto those that are rich ?

Answ. Charge them that are rich in this World, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain Riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all Things to enjoy. That they do good, that they be rich in good Works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate, laying up in store a good Foundation, that they may lay hold on eternal Life.

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Quest. 81. *What will become of the Souls of Men and Women after Death?*

Ans. They must appear before the Judgment-seat of Christ, there to receive according to the Deeds done in the Body, whether they have been good or evil.

Quest. 82. *What will Christ say unto the Righteous?*

Ans. Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the Foundation of the World.

Quest. 83. *What will be the Sentence of the Wicked?*

Ans. Depart, ye cursed, into everlasting Fire prepared for the Devil and his Angels.

Quest. 84. *How doth the Apostle John describe the Praises of the Redeemed, as he beheld them in the heavenly Vision?*

Ans. And I beheld, and lo a great Multitude which no Man could number, of all Nations, and Kindreds, and People, and Tongues, stood before the Throne clothed with white Robes, saying, Blessing and Glory, Wisdom and Thanksgiving, and Honour, and Power, and Might, be unto our God for ever and ever.

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Glory, and Honour, and Power, for
thou hast created all Things, and for
thy Pleasure they are and were created.

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